

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the third full paragraph on Page 9, starting with “On the upstream side,” and ending with “of the compressor 1,” with the following replacement paragraph:

—On the upstream side of the valve body 11e, an annular discharge gas inflow chamber [[11d]] 11g is provided coaxially with the rod 11d. The discharge gas inflow chamber 11g has an outer peripheral wall formed with a plurality of discharge gas inlets 11g' so as to be circumferentially spaced from one another. These discharge gas inlets 11g' are directed perpendicularly to the center axis of the discharge gas inflow chamber 11g and tangential to the inner peripheral surface of the outer peripheral wall of the chamber 11g. The discharge gas inlets 11g' are communicated through the refrigerating circuit 9 to the discharge chamber 1b of the compressor 1.--